BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Federal City Performing Arts Association

27 July 1987

Board Members Attending: Steve Herman, president, Peter Brayton, vice-president, Michael Bohn, treasurer, Roger Bergstrom, David Cooper, Roger Edens; Bill Hunnicutt, Tom Lester, Larry McFarland, Rick Rosendall, Jeff VanLuyn. Others attending: David Sisson, Assistant Director, & Jim Starner.

The president held unrestricted voting proxy for Fred Rettenmeier, who was absent.

The president called the meeting to order at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Report Of The President--Correspondence: The president officially announced the resignation of Harry Powers from the board.

A letter from Len Padgett regarding the Episcopalian church's plans for a concert at The National Cathedral in the Spring was read. The organization within the church formulating a response to the AIDS crisis would use this as a fundraising event for AIDS-related service organizations. They would like GMCW participation.

The New York City Gay Men's Chorus requests housing for visiting members from October 9 thru 11 (the weekend of the Gay and Lesbian March on Washington). D.C. Different Drummers was also seeking housing for people coming to the city for the combined bands concert. Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided to offer some housing to the New York Chorus with the understanding of the limited resources available within the chorus. It was noted that many chorus members will be offering housing to friends coming to town for the march.

A letter from the Levine School announced that the rent for chorus office space has been raised from $210.00 to $235.00 per month. The lease accepting this increase has already been signed.

The president announced that Roger Bergstrom has submitted a proposal designed to acquire a free copy of the computer program LOTUS 123 from the publisher.

A letter from the Post Office notified the chorus of the closing of our postal branch. The Postmaster has moved our mailbox to the West End Station.

A letter from the Human Rights Campaign fund announced that their annual fundraising dinner will be held on October 10. It was noted that this dinner conflicts with the LGBA concert.

The New York Chorus has forwarded to GMCW a list of all the Gay Choruses known to them.

No minutes were read.

There was no official treasurer's report since the books on the 1986-87 season have not yet been closed out. The treasurer announced that FCPAA has secured a safe deposit box. He also declared his plans to "clean up" the account numbers and to discuss this matter with each of the division chairs. The NOW account has been closed. Negotiations with the bank led to free regular checking and telephone transfer capability for transfering money from the money market account to checking. A question was raised about a rapid auditing of the books. An audit will be arranged for September.

Division Reports: Music Division

David Sisson reported the Christmas concert program prepared by the repertoire advisory committee. Several questions arose concerning the length of the program, the prompt availability of music, and the use of internal ensembles. The president

asked about the anticipated need for instrumentalists, and a discussion followed. Michael Bohn moved that the program be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and carried with one dissenting vote.

The program for the LGBA gig at Constitution Hall is still in the working stages. Mr. Sisson presented its current status.

Production Division: (Peter Brayton)

The question of reserving National City Christian Church as the site for the Christmas Concert remains unresolved. The church is to let the Exec. Producer know in the coming week.
The reservation of Lisner Auditorium for the April joint concert with the Windy City Men's Chorus wil be confirmed by August 3.
The U.D.C. auditorium staff is not yet scheduling events for June 1988, so the use of that space can not be confirmed yet. Peter Brayton was encouraged to explore the use of other halls, such as the auditorium at the National Museum for Women in the Arts.

Business Division:

The position of Business Manager is vacant. The president enouraged the board to solicit volunteers.

Membership Division: (Roger Edens and Jim Starner, Co-chairmen)

The chairmen reported that a letter announcing the vocal reviews for the upcoming season was being prepared for mailing to the membership. The annual party has been scheduled for August 15 at Mike Resnick's.

Also questions were raised about how the membership would learn of the audition schedule. The president and the Membership chairmen planned to send a packet of material to all existing members; advertisements in the Washington Blade and in the Guide to the Lively Arts in the Washington Post were planned.

Fundraising Division: (Bill Hunnicutt, Chairman)

The chairman moved that bartending at the Eagle be cancelled. The motion was seconded and carried in a unanimous vote.

The chairman asked for a consensus whether the cookbook should be published with the "Gay Men's Chorus of Washington" name on its cover. The consensus was that the name should indeed appear on the book.

PR/Publications Division: (Rick Rosendall, Chairman)

A revised schedule of publications was presented.

There was no Capital Club report.

Long-Range Planning Committee: (David Cooper, Chairman)

A written report of the committee's activities of the past year was submitted. The new committee was urged to set specific concert plans further in advance than in past years. There was a discussion of whether we should compete for the GALA 1992 convention.

There was no report from the GALA representative.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The budget discussed at the board retreat was presented for revision. As presented, the budget represented a deficit of $8205.00.

A motion was offered to raise ticket prices at the Christmas concert from $10.00 to $12.00. The motion was seconded, and a

discussion followed. The initial vote was a tie. Upon revote, the motion carried.

Rick Rosendall moved to reduce arrangement fees from $5000.00 to $3000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was offered to reduce the budgetted instrumentalists line item for the March concert from $6000.00 to $2000.00. The motion was seconded. After some discussion the member offering the motion agreed to modify the motion to a final total of $4000.00. The original vote was tied. Upon revote, the motion was rejected and the item remained in the budget as written.

A motion was offered to cut commissions ($1500.00) entirely from the budget. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Following the above ammendments, it was noted that the budget still reflected a deficit of $880.00. Bill Hunnicutt noted that the $1000.00 earned from the Follies fundraiser had not been included in the income tabulation. Once that was added, the president sought and received a motion to accept the balanced budget as ammended. The motion was seconded and carried.

The calendar was modified to note that the September Capital Club party will be at Ron Sabacek's home.

A discussion ensued about filling the board vacancy left by Harry Power's resignation. The announcement of the vacancy was to be made in the membership mailing, and board members were encouraged to nominate propsective candidates. As stated in the by-laws, the vacancy will be filled by vote of the board. Those interested in filling the position will be invited by a board member to the August meeting, and a vote will be held at that time.

The topic of self-contracting was raised but tabled.

The board voted to adjourn. The time of adjournment was not recorded.